

REMARKS

The specification has been amended to recite the priority data. Claims 1-12 have been amended into a more acceptable form for U.S. patent prosecution. Support for the amendments can be found throughout the specification and the claims as originally filed. Claims 1-12, therefore, are currently pending. Applicants have calculated the fees for filing this application based on this Preliminary Amendment.

It is believed that no fee is due for filing this Preliminary Amendment. However, should any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be required for any reason relating to this document, consider this paragraph such a request and authorization to withdraw the appropriate fee from Fulbright & Jaworski Deposit Account No. 50-1212/GOUD:037US.

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